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Draft to Mysore Govt. submitted.

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14.9.39.

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Issue. (S.N. 2)

D.No. W/724 S.N.(3)

1 Comm of Police may discuss this with Dt. Headquarters we have already had this under consideration.

Rudyard
21/10/39.

3 Resident. Yes please let C of P discuss with Defence HQ

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The Comm. of Police u/o.
No.F.193-39(27)/W d. 24-10-1939.

4 Dr. H.Q. are writing about this. Notification of the City Cantonment Station Petrol 'K' Oil Depots was discussed & recommended (to have Police guard on them) and it seems that it is for the Provincial Govt. to issue notification.

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5 Please let me know urgently whether under the Official Secrets Act read with Defence of India Ordinance & Rules, Petrol Bulk Storage Depots are prohibited & protected places, or not.

Rudyard
25/10/39.

Please see section 2(8) of the Indian Official Secrets Act, 1923. Burma-Shell Petrol Bulk Storage Depots

Depots are not 'prohibited places' under clauses (a) or (b); nor can they be declared as such under clauses (c) or (d). It is noticed that the Bulk Oil Tanks belonging to the Burma-Shell and Vacuum Oil Companies at Ambala have been declared to be 'protected places' by the Central Government under Rule 7 of the Defence of India Rules. Under this rule, any place can be declared to be a protected place either by the Central Government or by the Provincial Government (Resident in the case of railway lands in Mysore State over which jurisdiction has been ceded to British Government).

Letter from Dt. Headquarters may be awaited.

28.10.39

SECRETARY.

(From para 5)

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Letter since received.

29/10/39

D.No. W/783 S.N. (5)

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The Burmah-Shell Co. wanted only the Petrol Installation at Bangalore City Railway Station to be notified as a protected place; but the District Headquarters, in discussion with the Commr. of Police, have recommended the notification of both the Petrol and Kerosene Oil Depots at City and Cantt: Railway Stations.

Draft notification submitted.

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30.10.39 Issue may be issued. After issue, we will look up press communiqués issued on the subject of prohibited & protected places. I think a brief press notice is advisable.

31/10/39.

10 Resident. Issue. Draft a press notice. Will be desirable

Issued S.N. (6).

D.No.W/827. S.N.(7).

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Please see Madras Government notification No.1853 dated 30th Oct. 1939. We must also issue a similar notification in respect of the places which we have declared as protected. If approved, the Commissioner of Police may be authorised to exercise the nenessary powers. Draft I submitted.

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A draft Press Comminique is also submitted for consideration.

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The Commissioner of Police may see the drafts before issue.

4.11.39

SECRETARY.

Comm of Police to see before issue. will be there in force ~

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(1) Whether the description in the notification attached (S No 6) is sufficient.

(2). Whether he can enforce it satisfactorily with the present force

6/11/39

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Comm of Police U/O.

The description is sufficient

The two depots are already under guard, & the order can be satisfactorily enforced with the existing Force.

Approved 7/11/39

For approval. 6

Resident 7/11/39.

H. Fraser Esqr I.C.S. 7/11/39

S.N. 8 & 9 above.

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SECRET. No.23660/120/A.

Headquarters, Madras District,

Bangalore. 10th September 1939.

Resident 12/9/39

To/-,

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras, MADRAS.

The Secretary to the
Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, BANGALORE.

The Collector,
Civil and Military Station, BANGALORE.

The Commissioner of Police, MADRAS.

The Commissioner of Police, BANGALORE.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Army Headquarters, India have ruled that the Local Internment Camps at BANGALORE and MADRAS have been classified as "Prohibited Places" under Section 2 (8) (a) of the Indian Official Secrets Act, 1923.

The Commandants, Local Internment Camps have been instructed to erect outside these Camps notices prohibiting entry therein under the Indian Official Secrets Act, 1923 and Rule 6 of the Defence of India Rules ("Y" Draft).

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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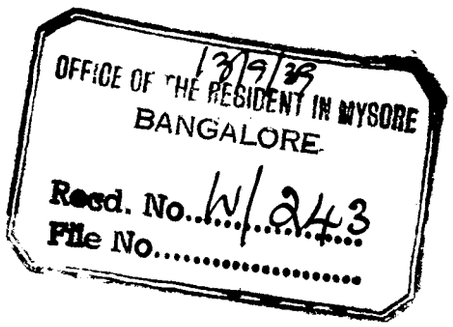
Major
for Major General.
Commander, Madras District.



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SECRET.
D. 243-/S. 15th Sept. '39

From

The Secy. to the Resident.

To

Rajasevaprasakta
Mr.B.T.Kesavaiengar,B.A.,

Chief Secy.to the Govt.
of Mysore.

Prohibited Places -Internment Camps.

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I am desired to enclose,for the information of the Govt. of Mysore,a copy of a letter from Headquarters, Madras Dist, Bangalore, No.23660/120/ dated the 10th September 1939.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMPANY.

BURMAH-SHELL

OIL STORAGE & DISTRIBUTING CO. OF INDIA LTD.

(INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND)

TELEPHONE No. 3964 (4 LINES)

TELEGRAMS:—"BURMAHSHEL".

POST BOX No. 157,
BURMAH-SHELL HOUSE,
ESPLANADE,

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO No. M.M.1(c) D/O MADRAS, 19th October 1939.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE
BANGALORE.
24/6/39.
Regd. No. W/724
File No.

The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore

Sir,

Defence of India Rules

We have the honour to state that we are given to understand that the Defence of India Rules have been applied by the Crown Representative, among other railway lands and areas in Indian States jurisdiction over which is exercised by him through yourself as his Agent, to the Railway lands at Bangalore.

We would inform you that at Bangalore, situated on Railway land, we maintain and operate a Petrol Installation which is of the highest importance for the storage of petrol in bulk and for its efficient distribution to the surrounding district.

Since the outbreak of war we are glad to acknowledge that at our request police protection has been provided at our Installation.

We submit, however, that it is necessary and expedient that our Installation, as described below, should be declared a

"protected place" under Rule 7 of the Defence of India Rules and we therefore apply herewith for such declaration.

Name of protected place	Locality	Boundaries
Bulk Petrol Installation, Burmah-Shell Company	Bangalore	The walls or fence surrounding the premises.

We have the honour to be,
S i r,
Your obedient servants,
For BURMAH-SHELL
OIL STORAGE & DISTRIBUTING CO. OF INDIA LTD.

Encl: Nil.

D.O.No.D.1843-W/39.

Political Department,
New Delhi,
The 19th October 193

Defence of India Rules.

My dear Colonel,

I am desired to enclose for information copies of

Demi-official letter from Mr.L.C.Buss, M.L.A., No.nil, dated the 20th September 1939, with enclosure. Demi-official letter to Mr.L.C.Buss, M.L.A., No.D.1154-W/39, dated the 11th October 1939. Demi-official letter from Mr.L.C.Buss, M.L.A., No.Sp. 60C, dated the 13th October 1939.	the marginally

cited correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

H. Stanyon

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE
BANGALORE
Recd. No. W/740.
File No.

To

The Hon'ble Lieutenant Colonel J. de la Hay Gordon,
C.I.E., O.B.E., M.C.,

Resident in Mysore.

Telegrams:- "BURMAHSHELL.
Telephone No.7086.

Burmah Shell House,
Connaught Circus,
New Delhi.

Simla, 20th September, 1939.

D/O.

Dear Mr.Herbert,

DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES 1939.

I enclose copy of a letter from our Branch Manager at Madras concerning the protection of certain of our installations and depots situated in Indian States, and I shall be much obliged if you will let me know what the position is with regard to the application of the Defence of India Rules in such cases.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- L. C. Buss.

C.G.Herbert, Esq.,
Political Department,
S I M L A.

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Political Department,
New Delhi,

D.O.No.D.1154-W/39.

The 11th October 1939.

Defence of India Rules.

Dear Mr.Buss,

Please refer to your demi-official letter to Mr. Herbert, dated the 20th September 1939, on the above subject.

I am desired to say that the Defence of India Rules have been applied by the Crown Representative, among other Railway lands and areas in Indian States jurisdiction over which is exercised by him through the Political Officers as his agents, to the railway lands on which the Bangalore, Secunderabad and Quilon Depots are situated. The Political Officers who are in charge of, and act as Provincial Governments in these railway lands, are respectively the

Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore
Resident for the Madras States

I am to suggest that these Political Officers may kindly be addressed (the Resident, Madras States also in respect of the Ernakulam Installation) for any information that may be required with regard to the petrol depots and installation in question.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- C.P.Hancock.

To

L.C.Buss, Esquire, M.L.A.,
Burmah-Shell House,
Connaught Circus, New Delhi.

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Copy of demi-official letter No.SP.60C dated 13th October 1939 from Mr.L.C.Buss, Burmah-Shell Oil Storage & Distributing Company of India Ltd., New Delhi to Major C.P.Hancock, O.B.E., M.C., Deputy Secretary, Political Department. New Delhi.

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9 DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES.

I am much obliged to you for your letter No.D.O. No.D.1154-W/39 of the 11th October, the contents of which I have communicated to my Madras Office.

Confd. 27/10/39

No. 18401 / 37. / G.,
Headquarters, Madras District,
Bangalore. 29th October, 1939.

SECRET.

To :-
The Secretary to
The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

From:-
The Commander,
Madras District.

30/10/39
OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE
BANGALORE
Regd. No. W/783.
File No.....

Subject :- WAR LEGISLATION.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Rule 7 of the Defence of India Rules, Part II published under the Gazette of India Extraordinary dated 3rd September, 1939 and to state that it is considered desirable that the following places, detailed on the Schedule enclosed should be declared 'protected places' under the terms of the rule.

1. Petrol and Oil Depot, BANGALORE CITY STATION.
2. Petrol and Oil Depot, BANGALORE CANTONMENTS.

It appears that the above installations are situated on railway land within the administration of the Civil and Military Station, BANGALORE, and that the Resident is therefore the authority empowered to declare them "protected places" under the Rule.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Major-General,
Commander, Madras District.

ME.

Copy to:-
The Commissioner of Police,
Civil and Military Station, BANGALORE.

Headquarters,
Southern Command, POONA. reference your
No. 46790/51/G.S., dated 29th September, 1939.

The Officer Commanding,
BANGALORE.

NAME.	BOUNDARIES.	NECESSITY FOR DECLARING.	ENTRY AND CONDUCT REGS.	DECLARATION TO BE MADE AUTOMATIC.
Petrol and Oil Storage Depot, BANGALORE CITY STATION.	Wall and fence round Depot.	Large amount of Petrol etc. stored in enclosure.	Entry prohibited except to those in possession of a pass issued by the Oil Companies concerned (Burmah Shell Coy., Standard Oil Coy., Caltex Co.) In exceptional cases entry is permitted on the personal responsibility of, and identification by, the Supt i/c on the spot.	Automatic.
Petrol and Oil Storage Depot, BANGALORE CANTONMENT STATION.	Wall round Depot.	Large amounts of oil in enclosure.		Automatic.

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THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

NOTIFICATION.

No. 140 Dated 2nd Novr. 1939.

Whereas the Hon'ble the Resident considers it expedient that special precautions should be taken to prevent the entry of unauthorised persons into the places specified in the schedule hereto annexed,

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Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by rule 7 of the Defence of India Rules, 1939, as in force in the railway lands in the Mysore State over which jurisdiction has been ceded to the British Government, the Hon'ble the Resident is pleased to declare the said places to be protected places.

Schedule.

(1) Name of Protected Place.	(2) Locality.	(3) Boundaries or other description.
1. Petrol and Oil Storage Depot.	Bangalore City Railway Station.	Wall and fence round the depot.
2. -do- -do-	Bangalore Cantonment Railway Station.	Wall round the depot.

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Secy. to the Resident.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Fort St. George,
30th October 1939.

From

D. N. Strathie Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.
Public Department.

To

The Chief Commissioner of Coorg,
Bangalore.

3/11/39
BANGALORE
W/827.

Sir,

I am directed to forward the enclosed proceedings of the Madras Government, No.1852, dated 30th October 1939 and No.1853, dated 30th October 1939.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for Chief Secretary to Govt.

COORG SECRETARIAT
Register No. 4759
Date of receipt 2/11/39
File No.

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Received .....1930. Registered .....1930.

Abstract.

Defence of India Rules - Oil Installations in Cocanada Town - Notified as prohibited places under rule 7.

Public Department.

G.O. No. 1818, dated 30th October 1930.

Order -

The following notification will be published in the next issue of the Fort St. George Gazette:-

Notification.

Whereas the Government of Madras consider it expedient that special precautions should be taken to prevent the entry of unauthorised persons into certain places.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by rule 7 of the Defence of India Rules, His Excellency the Governor of Madras hereby is pleased to declare the two places in Cocanada Town, the boundaries of which are specified below, to be prohibited places.-

No. 1. Boundaries of Protected Place.

East: Line running from the point where the western wall of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company wharf to the junction of the branch road with the private road leading to the Burmah Oil Company bungalow, then along the southern edge of the private road to Southern, eastern and northern boundaries of the bungalow and the tennis court attached to it as far as the branch road; then again along the eastern edge of the branch road to a point opposite to the electric lamp post on the western side of the branch road and 40 feet to the south of the dwelling shed near the bridge over the creek on the branch road.

North and West: A line from this point to the junction of the creek with the water to the east of the Burmah Oil Company installation.

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South: The southern edge of the road.

No.2. Boundaries of Crown Land.

East and North: Line running from the western edge of the track out of Lautoka at 20 yards distance parallel to the southern and western edge of the tarred track to its junction with Vuda Point road.

South. Line running from this point northwards to a distance of 20 yards, then turning eastwards as far as the compound wall of Mr Bonnyer's residence; then turning towards the south to a distance of 20 feet from the boundary between Mr Bonnyer's land and the compound of Vuda Point Hotel; then turning towards the east and the sea coast.

West. Beach road.

By Order of His Excellency the Governor.

D. M. Strathie,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent, Government Printing Office for publication in the Gazette.
" District Magistrate of Fort Lautoka.
" Director of Public Works.
" Director of Agriculture, Suva.
" Chief Surveyor, Native Affairs, Suva.
" Chief Commissioner of Police, Suva.
" Crown Solicitor, Suva.

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A. Nauru
Superintendent. 31/10

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Received .....1939. Registered .....1939.

Abstract.

War - Defence of India Rules - Oil Installations in Coorg Town - Issue of permits to enter etc. - Powers delegated to Treasury Deputy Collector, Port Officer, Cocanada.

Public Department.

G.O. Ms.No. 1853, dated 30th October 1939.

Order -

The following notification will be published in the Fort St. George Gazette:-

NOTIFICATION.

Under sub-section (5) of section 2 of the Defence of India Ordinance, 1939, (Ordinance No. V of 1939), His Excellency the Governor of Madras is hereby pleased to authorise the Treasury Deputy Collector, Cocanada, and the Port Officer, Cocanada, to exercise, subject to general instructions from the District Magistrate of East Godavari, the powers of the Provincial Government under sub-rules (1) and (2) of rule 6 read with rule 7 of the Defence of India Rules, in respect of the places declared as protected places in G.O. No. 1852 Public dated 30th October 1939.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

D. H. Strathie,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent, Government Press, for publication of the notification in the Gazette.
,, District Magistrate of East Godavari.
Copy to the Inspector General of Police, Madras.
,, General Officer Commanding in Chief, Southern Command Poona (with C.L.).
,, Commander, Madras District, Bangalore (with C.L.)
,, Chief Commissioner of Coorg, Bangalore (with C.L.
,, Government of India, Defence Co-ordination Department (with C.L.).

True copy.

Attested /by order/

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S.G. Superintendent.

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THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

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No. 146 Bangalore, 9th November 1939

NOTIFICATION.

Under sub-section 5 of ~~the~~ section 2 of the Defence of India Ordinance, 1939, (Ordinance No.V of 1939) as in force in the railway lands in the Mysore State over which jurisdiction has been ceded to the British Government, the Hon'ble the Resident is pleased to order that the powers conferred on him under sub-rules (1) and (2) of rule 6 read with rule 7 of the Defence of India Rules as in force in the said railway lands shall be exercised by the Commissioner of Police, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, in respect of the Petrol and Oil Storage Depots at Bangalore City and Bangalore Cantonment Railway Station which have been declared as protected places in his Notification No.140, dated the 2nd November 1939.

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

To

S.N.S

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THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

PRESS COMMUNIQUE.

Dated Bangalore the 9th November 1939.

Under the provisions of the Defence of India Rules, the Hon'ble the Resident has notified the premises of the Petrol and Oil Storage Depots at Bangalore City and Bangalore Cantonment Railway Stations to be "protected places". No person may enter or loiter in the vicinity of these premises without permission obtained in writing from the Commissioner of Police, Civil and Military Station and any unauthorised person doing so will be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years and to fine.

Sectt. II-14—7,006—20-12-38.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
~~OOTACAMUND~~

From

10th ~~November~~ 1939

D. N. Strathie, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,

Chief SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Public DEPARTMENT.

To

THE Chief Commissioner of Coorg,

Bangalore.

SIR,

I am directed to forward the enclosed proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 1967 & 1968, dated the 9th November 1939.

COORG SECRETARIAT
Register No. 4938
Date of Receipt 14/11/39
File No.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for Chief Secretary.

14/11/39
OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE
BANGALORE
Recd. No. W/897
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Government of Madras.

Received .....1939. Registered .....1939.

District.

War - Defence of India Rules - Lighthouse at Vakalapudi - Notified as a protected place under Rule 7.

Public Department.

G.O. No. c. 1967, Dated 2th November 1939.

READ -

The following notification will be published in the next issue of Fort St. George Gazette:-

NOTIFICATION.

Whereas the Governor of Madras considers it expedient that special precautions should be taken to prevent the entry of unauthorised persons into the places hereinafter mentioned;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by rule 7 of the Defence of India Rules, His Excellency the Governor of Madras is hereby pleased to declare the Vakalapudi lighthouse and the boundaries of which are specified below to be protected places.

Area limits of the protected place.-

North.- Compound wall measuring 900 feet.

South.- Compound hedge measuring 900 feet.

East.- Compound hedge measuring 350 feet.

West.- Compound hedge measuring 350 feet.

Total area.- 252,000 square feet.

By order of His Excellency the Governor

G. V. Ramdas,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent, Government Press for publication of the notification in the next Fort St. George Gazette.
" Resident Port Officer.
Copy to the District Magistrate, South Canara.
" Inspector General of Police.
" General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command, Poona (with spare copy).
" Chief Commissioner of Posts, Bangalore (Attn: S.P.O.).
" Government of India, Department of Commerce (with spare copy).
" Government of India, Defence Co-ordination Department (with spare copy).

True copy.

Superintendent.